

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

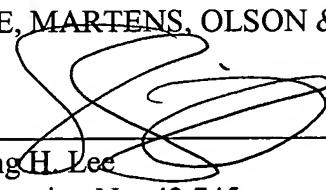
Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing ninety-eight (98) references that were previously disclosed to or cited by the Patent and Trademark Office in the prosecution of U.S. patent application No. 09/435,562, filed November 8, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of application serial No. 09/187,200, filed November 6, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,152,144, which is the parent of this continuation application, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Copies of the references are not submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d)..

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EXAMINE R INITIAL	OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)	
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